14. श्री विनोद गोवर, विशेषाधिकारी (विशेष यूनिट) विदेश मंत्रालय ।

इसके अलावा, जिनेवा में भारत के स्थायी मिशन के सभी अधिकारी शामिल थे जिनका नेतृत्व भारत के स्थायी प्रतिनिधि ने किया ।

सरकारी प्रतिनिधिमंडल में श्री सतीश चन्द्र भी शामिल थे ।

Visit of Red cross Team to Kashmir

4628. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether an International Red Cross team was recently permitted to visit the valley of Kashmir with a view to countering the Pak propaganda of Human Rights violations in Kashmir; and

(b) if so, what were the main observations of the team ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA) : (a) As a part of the ongoing dialogue with the International Committee of the Red Cross and the Government's policy of transparency, the request of ICRC to permit a survey team to visit J&K was accepted. The team visited J&K from 21st to 30th March 1994.

(b) No report has been received from the ICRC team.

Criticism by China

4629. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE : SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the first open criticism of India by China in over six years when on March 22, 1994 a Chinese Foreign Ministry's spokesman expressed objection for not having prevented an international meeting on Tibet recently ;

(b) if so, what was Government's response thereto; and

(c) what is Government's assessment about the setback caused to Indo-Chinese relations thereby ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA) : (a) Government is aware of the Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman's statement of March 22, 1994.

(b) and (c) Government of India was in no way associated with the meeting on Tibet. The position of the Government of India is that Tibet is an autonomous region of China. Under Indian laws individuals have the right to express their opinion freely. It is Government's hope that non-official activities will not affect the ongoing process of improving India-China relations. This position has been conveyed to the Government of China.

Indian stand at OIC Meet

4630. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether India was represented at Organisaton of Islamic Conference held recently at Geneva;

(b) if so, who represented India at the Conference;

(c) what was the Pak-resolution moved at the conference pertaining to human rights in Kashmir and the right to self determination of the people of Kashmir ;

(d) whether Indian representation gave a befitting reply to the Pak resolution, if so, in what terms; and

(e) what was the impact and consensus that arose at the OIC meet in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA) : (a) and (b) As India is not a member of the Organization of Islamic Conference, the question of India's participation does not arise. Further, no such meeting of the Organisation of Islamic Conference was held in Geneva recently.

(c) to (e) Does not arise.